

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION AND ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a ELEC COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-63
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued December 12, 2000)

On December 1, 2000, Qwest Corporation and Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding to review the agreement is identified as Docket No. NIA-00-63.

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments filed on or before January 2, 2001. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on December 1, 2000, by Qwest Corporation and Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-63.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before January 2, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of December, 2000.